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Question: What is the difference between the Expedited Approval Program and the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program?

Answer: The Expedited Approval Program (EAP) is part of the CFATS program. Participation in the EAP is voluntary and allows final tier 3 and tier 4 facilities to self-certify that their site security plans meet the applicable risk-based performance standards (RBPS) and the prescriptive security measures as outlined within the DHS Guidance for the Expedited Approval Program. Facilities that participate in the EAP bypass the authorization inspection and, if accepted into the EAP, enter straight into the compliance inspection process.

6 U.S.C. § 622 (c)(4)